

Claims 1-23 (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A method of providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;
- (b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;
- (c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;
- (d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the list of relevant Web pages includes only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant in step (b) and to be of a news content type in step (c), wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and
- (e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

25. (Currently Amended) A method of providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;
- (b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;
- (c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

(d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the list of relevant Web pages includes only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant in step (b) and not to be advertisements in step (c), wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

(e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

26. (New) A method of providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected based on the frequency with which relevant links have been located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the specified subject;

(b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

(c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

(d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

(e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

27. (New) A method of providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected based on the frequency with which relevant links have been located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the same category;

(b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

(c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

(d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

(e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

28. (New) A computer-readable medium tangibly embodying instructions which, when executed by a computer, implement a process comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected based on the frequency with which relevant links have been located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the specified subject;

(b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

(c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

(d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

(e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the complied list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

29. (New) A computer-readable medium tangibly embodying instructions which, when executed by a computer, implement a process comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected based on the frequency with which relevant links have been located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the same category;

(b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

(c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

(d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

(e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the complied list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

30. (New) A computer-readable medium tangibly embodying instructions which, when executed by a computer, implement a process comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;

(b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

(c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

(d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of steps (b) and (c) wherein the compiled list of relevant Web pages is compiled by including only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant to step (b) and to be of a news content type in step (c), and wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

(e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the complied list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

31. (New) A computer-readable medium tangibly embodying instructions which, when executed by a computer, implement a process comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;

(b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

(c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

(d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the list of relevant Web pages is complied by including only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant in step (b) and not to be advertisements in step (c), and wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

(e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the complied list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

32. (New) A system for providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising:

means for selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected based on the frequency with which relevant links have been located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the specified subject;

means for automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

means for automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning of at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

means for compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of the scanning, wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

means for providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the means for providing transmits the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

33. (New) A system for providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising:

means for selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected based on the frequency with which relevant links have been located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the same category;

means for automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

means for automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

means for compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of the scanning, wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

means for providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the means for providing transmits the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

34. (New) A system for providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising:

means for selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;

means for automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

means for automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

means for compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of the scanning, wherein the list of relevant Web pages is compiled by including only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant and to be of a news content type, and wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

means for providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the means for providing transmits the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

35. (New) A system for providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising:

means for selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;

means for automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

means for automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

means for compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of the scanning, wherein the list of relevant Web pages is compiled by including only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant and not to be advertisements, and wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

means for providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the means for providing transmits the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

36. (New) A system for providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising:

a processor;

a memory connected to said processor;

a display in communication with said processor; and

an input device in communication with said processor,

wherein said processor selects a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected based on the frequency with which relevant links have been located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the specified subject;

wherein said processor automatically determines the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

wherein said processor automatically determines the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

wherein said processor compiles a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of the scanning, wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages;

wherein said processor transmits the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet; and

where the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers.



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a processor;

a memory connected to said processor;

a display in communication with said processor; and

an input device in communication with said processor,

wherein said processor selects a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected based on the frequency with which relevant links have been located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the same category;

wherein said processor automatically determines the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

wherein said processor automatically determines the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

wherein said processor compiles a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of the scanning, wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages;

wherein said processor transmits the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet; and

where the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers.

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a processor;

a memory connected to said processor;

a display in communication with said processor; and

an input device in communication with said processor,

wherein said processor selects a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;

wherein said processor automatically determines the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

wherein said processor automatically determines the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

wherein said processor compiles a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of the scanning, wherein the compiled list of relevant Web pages is compiled by including only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant and to be of a news content type, and wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages;

wherein said processor transmits the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet; and

wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers.

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a processor;

a memory connected to said processor;

a display in communication with said processor; and

an input device in communication with said processor,

wherein said processor selects a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;

wherein said processor automatically determines the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

wherein said processor automatically determines the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

wherein said processor compiles a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of the scanning, wherein the compiled list of relevant Web pages is compiled by including only those Web pages that are

determined both to be relevant and not to be advertisements, wherein the compiled list includes  
hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages;

wherein said processor transmits the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the  
Internet; and

wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers.